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The Populist Party

In 1892, delegates meeting in Omaha, Nebraska, formed the Populist Party, and nominated James B. Weaver, a popular Congressman, as their presidential nominee. While Weaver did not win the election, he did collect more than a million votes as well as 22 electoral votes that year.

Read the following document then answer the following questions using complete sentences.

1. List at least four evils or conditions the Populists specify in the Preamble.
2. According to the Preamble, what did the Populists seek to do?
3. In the area of finance, why do you think the Populists sought to create free silver coinage? Why do you think they supported a graduated income tax?
4. The Populists supported government ownership of railroads, as well as the telegraph and telephone system. Why do you think they did this?
5. Look at #1 in the "Expression of Sentiments." Why do you think the Populists demanded a free ballot, fair count in elections, and a secret ballot?